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PARENT APPLICATION  
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FOR : A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A THREE-PIECE  
DESIGN OF A MAGNETIC HEAD ASSEMBLY

GROUP ART UNIT : 2652

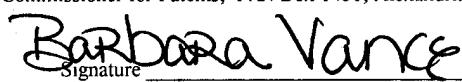
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004, please cancel claims 1-9,  
(Group I) in this Divisional application leaving claims 10-33, (Group II), prior to calculating fees.

Applicant elected to prosecute claims 1-9, (Group I) in the parent application and filed  
this Divisional application to prosecute the remaining claims 10-33, (Group II). This application  
claims benefit of the March 13, 2002 filing date of the parent application

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.